

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Wednesday, September 4, 1996/Bhadra 13,
1918 (Saka)

(The Lok Sabha met at
Eleven of the Clock)

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER in the Chair]

[English]

(Interruptions)

SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI (Howrah) : Sir, the Question Hour should be suspended immediately.

[Translation]

...(Interruptions) yesterday America fired missiles on Iraq. We should condemn this. This matter should be discussed here...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please sit down.

(Interruptions)

11.02 hrs.

[English]

At this stage Shri Nirmal Kanti Chatterjee and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : The House stands adjourned till 1200 noon.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

IBP Co. Ltd.

*461. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the IBP Co. Ltd. has been incurring losses for the last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of profit/loss of IBP Co. Ltd. for each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The profit after tax of IBP Co. Ltd. during the last three years, namely 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 was Rs. 18.89 Crores, Rs. 23.52 Crores and Rs. 24.42 Crores respectively.

Petrochemicals Units

*462. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA :
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the ONGC and BPCL have any plan to tie-up for setting up petrochemicals units using natural gas liquid (NGL);

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the location identified for this purpose; and

(c) the total expenditure involved for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c). Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited are conducting discussions for arriving at a Memorandum of Understanding for setting up of a Joint Venture Company to implement a grass-root paraxylene project at Hazira in Gujarat. The proposal is at a very preliminary stage at present.

Power Policy

*463. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have cleared the proposal to set up an expert panel to review the Private Sector Power Development Policy and its incentive package;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (d). The Government have set up an inter-ministerial committee to study alternative tariff structures and suggest changes that may be necessary, with the ultimate objective of enabling availability of least cost power to the State Electricity Boards. The Committee is in the final stages of its deliberations.

[Translation]

People below Poverty Line

*464. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated any comprehensive scheme for the development of the